

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Prior to examination, Applicants have hereby amended certain claims and cancelled certain other claims. Specifically, independent Claims 1, 7, and 13 have been amended. Dependent Claims 2-6, 8-12, and 14-18 have been cancelled.

This preliminary amendment is submitted so as to expedite prosecution of the present application by emphasizing certain aspects of the subject matter disclosed in the present application. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are directed to patentable subject matter, and respectfully request that the claims now be considered.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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